

SAM HOUSTON AND BOOTH.

How the Tragedian Became Responsible for the Conquest of Mexico.

General Sam Houston, who had just returned from his first visit to Texas, was walking up Pennsylvania avenue one evening in the Winter of 1834, when he met with his old friend Booth, the tragedian. After mutual exclamations of surprise and salutation the two ascertained that they were both rooming at Browne's Indian Queen Hotel, and going there they went to Booth's room. Sitting down they recounted the adventures of their past lives, and as they industriously circulated the bottle many a loud shout echoed through that hall and startled the watchmen in the street as they went their silent rounds. As the night wore on their excitement increased until, at the close of a thrilling story relating to his strange career, Houston exclaimed:

"Now, Booth, let's have a speech to liberty, one of those apostrophes to old Roman freedom with which you startle audiences."

Had Booth been inclined to refuse, he knew that his friend, when the mood was on him, would not be denied any request, however absurd or difficult of performance. But the tragedian had himself entered into the spirit of his companion, and, nothing loth, he rehearsed with magic power many of those electric passages in defence of liberty with which the English drama abounds. Houston, whose memory as well as his habits partook of the Indian character, caught up the words, and with equal force, clearness and accuracy went through each speech in regular succession. Thus they proceeded for a time, and then again sat down to renew their potations and the story of their personal adventure. Booth drank and listened while the other told of his own elevation in his native state, of his disgust at civic honors, of his home in the distant forest, of the uncontrolled freedom of the redmen, of their stoic fortitude and matchless heroism. Warned by the recollection of those thrilling scenes, he sprang at last to his feet, and, in the tone of one amid the battle's din, fighting against the most fearful odds, exclaimed, "Now, Booth, once more for liberty!" The tragedian dared not disobey. He ran through, with all his usual energy, the tale of Mexican thraldom, or the Spanish conquest of that land, the dangers incurred by that army, their commander's exhortation before the battle and the stubborn bravery of the native chiefs. Before him stood at that lone hour, listening with an intensity of thought and feeling which shone through his eyes, lighted his face, strained every muscle and started the sweat in great drops from his lofty brow, one who had all the fiery spirit of Cortez and ambition of a Pizarro. Quick as thought he took up the tale and repeated the words just uttered by Booth, with the most critical precision of tone and manner. As he became excited in the recitation his spirit seemed to take fire, and with an air so determined, so frightful, that it seemed a voice of one inspired, he exclaimed at the close of a masterly extemporaneous rhapsody:

"Yes! yes! I am made to revel yet in the halls of the Montezumas."

"Coming events cast their shadow before," and although Houston did not revel in the halls of Montezumas, his determination and energy of character conquered the occupant of these halls and wrested from Mexico her fairest state.—*Perley's Reminiscences.*

The Blaine Scandal.

Harrison, Miller & Elam, attorneys, in accordance with Blaine's directions, have filed in the United States Circuit Court, a suit against the Indianapolis Sentinel Company and John C. Shoemaker, its president and business manager, who, it charges, directs and controls the publication of that paper. The document proceeds as follows: "That on the 8th day of August, 1884, that said defendants wickedly, intending to injure, defame and scandalize the plaintiff, did maliciously, print and publish in the regular daily issue of said paper for that day of and concerning plaintiff a certain false, scandalous and defamatory article in the words following: 'Can Blaine afford it? The campaign war against Cleveland is, to say the least, an indecent one. Finding no vulnerable points in his public record, the enemy have assailed a supposed irregularity in his private conduct. They have dressed and undressed the affair until the naked facts of it are but a small part of the furbelowed, frilled and ruffled bizarre figure, waltzing in the Blaine Republican

print. This besmirching private character is the stock in trade of the Blaine folks. It is all they have to offer against the Democratic candidate. But can James G. Blaine afford this plan of battle? If his flanks are as unprotected as they are currently reported to be, is he not provoking a scathing fire by permitting these assaults on Grover Cleveland? The Democracy will hardly remain quiet on Blaine's inner life when his supporters are resorting to scandal-mongering against its candidate. The charges of seduction made upon Mr. Cleveland, and which are false upon their very face, can, it appears, be turned on Blaine and be made to stick. There is hardly an intelligent man in the country who has not heard that James G. Blaine betrayed the girl whom he married at the muzzle of a shot-gun. The Democratic press has had the magnanimity not to put forth these reports which must cause pain to the members of the Blaine family. The Republican papers have long known of them, and have allowed them to go undenied. If Mr. Blaine was scoundrel enough to betray an innocent girl; if, after despoiling her, he was craven enough to refuse her legal redress by giving legitimacy to her child until a loaded shotgun stimulated his conscience, then there is a blot on his private character more foul, if possible, than the countless stains on his political record. His conduct discloses a moral obliquity, rendering him undeserving of social confidence and an unfit man to be President. A candidate with such a record cannot afford to assail his opponent. As between Cleveland and Blaine, what fair-minded man can hesitate to pronounce the former a cleaner and purer man?" The plaintiff lays his damages at \$20,000. It is understood that proceedings will be begun against Shoemaker and the author of the article, under the Grubbs libel laws, in the State courts. This will compel Mr. Blaine's attendance as a witness. Attorneys say the suit and criminal proceedings will be pushed with all possible dispatch.

Tooth Drawing Extraordinary.

The fashionable and eccentric physician, Dr. Monsey, who lived in Sir Robert Walpole's time, took so keen a delight in drawing teeth by this particular process that, in the absence of a patient with a fee for the service, he would sometimes be his own dentist, and operate on himself from a pure love of art. The process was this: Round the tooth to be drawn, the doctor fastened securely a strong piece of catgut, to the other end of which a bullet was attached. A pistol having been charged with this bullet and a full measure of powder, the operation was performed effectually and speedily. The doctor could rarely prevail on his friends to let him remove their tooth in this singular and startlingly simple manner. Once a gentleman, who had agreed to make trial of the novelty, and had even allowed the apparatus to be adjusted, turned craven at the last moment. "Stop! stop!" he exclaimed, "I've changed my mind." "But I haven't changed mine, and you are a coward for changing yours," answered the doctor, pulling the trigger. Even at this distance of time, it would be pleasant to discover that the patient of this comedy was His Grace of Grafton, and that, to avenge himself for the loss of a place in the Lord Chamberlain's gift, the operator attached the catgut to the wrong tooth.—*Leisure Hour.*

Mosquitoes.

As everyone is opposed to the daily and nightly attacks of the venomous mosquitoes, it is encouraging to learn that it is possible to annihilate them. A correspondent, and one who "knows all about it," writes as follows:—"Many of the residents of Honolulu may not know of the existence of mosquito lamps, which are made by Chinamen, and can be bought for a small sum. They are of pewter, in shape something like a policeman's lantern, but without the bull's-eye. When the annoying buzz or bite of a mosquito disturbs the sleeper, it is only necessary to light the lamp, which will throw a disc of light on the curtain, in which the troublesome little insect is soon found settled; he stays there until he is approached by the bull's-eye opening of the lamp, when he either flies in of his own accord or is drawn in by the air; there is a slight fizz in the flame, and no more mosquito; or, better still, the lamp may be used before turning in to remove stray mosquitoes from the curtains, and so make the chances better for a good night's rest."

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